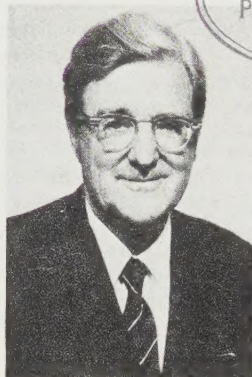


NAPIER TO BE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

Dr. Davie Napier, President of Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley and Professor of Old Testament, will be the main speaker for the Conference Assembly to be held at Bethel Church in Beaverton, May 20-22, 1977.

The Assembly is built around 4 foci: inspiration, education, business and fellowship, under the theme "Renew Thy Church".

Dr. Napier will deliver 4 addresses on the Conference theme on Friday night, Saturday morning and night, and Sunday morning. There will be workshops on Saturday afternoons from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on:



Dr. Davie Napier

Strategies for Small Churches
Church Growth
Stewardship in the Local Church
Music Program in the Small Church
The Changing Roles of Men and Women
in Church and Society
The Aging in Church -- Society

Capital Punishment
World Hunger
Education for Social Concerns
Education for Church Membership,
Confirmation and Beyond
Creative Resources for Bible Study
Role of the Church in Higher
Education

The workshops are designed to provide participants with insights, ideas and resources to utilize back home.

All the sessions of the Assembly are open to all the people of our churches.

15TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Notice is hereby given that on May 20-22, 1977 at the Bethel Congregational Church, 5150 S. W. Watson Street, Beaverton, Oregon, the Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ will meet for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of the Boards, Departments and Committees, and transacting such other business as may be necessary for the on-going life of the Conference.

-- Evelyn Townes, Secretary

TO WALK TOGETHER

In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ (June 1977), the Stewardship Council has just produced a major filmstrip on our denomination's history and heritage.

"To Walk Together" highlights the unique nature of our four predecessor denominations, Reformed, Christian, Congregational and Evangelical. But it does more than that, for the filmstrip makes clear that all of our forebears were interested in a reformed church and society. All affirmed the Biblically-rooted faith that Jesus Christ is sole head of the church. All four groups held to the principle that each congregation is free in Christ and yet bound in Christ to other congregations. All have fervently held that the church must proclaim the Good News to all people.



"To Walk Together" gives careful attention to the contributions that women and men, clergy and laity, Blacks and whites, Indians and Spanish-speaking people, and persons from European and Asian ancestry have made, not only to the life of our church but to the world and to the ecumenical church as well.

The Stewardship Council encourages every congregation to secure its own copy of this important filmstrip, since this audiovisual should be shown to the entire congregation, to special leadership and study groups, to persons outside the congregation, and most especially to confirmation and adult membership classes year after year.

Visually, the filmstrip is a colorful collection of old photographs, etchings, well-known paintings, historic books and documents, and color photographs.

The soundtrack is made interesting with a variety of voices telling of events in our history. In addition, a new song was written

and performed especially for this filmstrip. At the end of the presentation, the audience is asked to join in the singing of that song which is entitled, "We Will Walk Together." The filmstrip is approximately 36 minutes long, utilizing two sides of a record or two sides of a cassette tape. Provision is made for an intermission.

Despite the unusual length of "To Walk Together", and the months of research that preceded its publication, the cost has been held to \$15.00 in order to encourage as many congregations as possible to own their own copy.

"To Walk Together" can be ordered from the Office for Audio-Visuals, Stewardship Council, UCC, 1505 Race Street, Phila., Pa. 19102.

NOTE: Please specify whether you want the record or the cassette with the filmstrip.

"6 AMERICAN FAMILIES" ON TV BEGINNING APRIL 4

KPOA TV will broadcast this candid look into the real life experiences of six typical American families from divergent backgrounds and locales, beginning April 4 at 8:00 p.m. on Channels 10 and 7. There will be repeats on Channel 3 on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. beginning April 9.

"Six American Families" was conceived by Dr. Everett Parker, Executive Director of the UCC Office of Communications, and Dr. Curtis Chambers of the United Methodist Communications and was produced by Westinghouse Broadcasting. UCC participation was made possible by an initial grant out of the 1974 Family Thank Offering to the Office of Communications.

The goal of the series, according to Everett Parker is to "Focus our vision on the future and its hopes --- not to forget the past or to obscure its heroes and lessons, but to illustrate through persons living today the moral fortitude that has been America's greatest strength and most precious asset."

The series begins with a blue-collar Polish family in Chicago; then a single parent family in California; a family with a handicapped child in Albuquerque, a black New York City policeman and his family; a farm family in Iowa; and a poor rural family in Georgia.

LITERACY, EVANGELISM AND DEVELOPMENT

Literacy, evangelism and development work hand in hand. In many countries, adult literacy classes are often one of the first ways a person is introduced to the church. They bring people from the community into the church building and in contact with Christians who are concerned that these people have a better life.

Christians actively witness to their faith in words and invite their friends into the congregation. At the same time, they present to the secular society around them an example of self-giving and of active leadership for development and liberation in their community.

This year, the United Church Board for World Ministries has budgeted \$137,000 for work in the field of communication. A major part of this supports Intermedia, the agency through which we work in the field of literacy.

What sort of results does Intermedia produce for our investment?

In Pakistan, the Adult Basic Education Society, a secular agency originally created by the church to teach literacy to a small Christian community of believers, saw its program, leaders, and materials used by the government to begin a massive literacy program on educational television for the nation's 41 million illiterate people.

In twelve countries of Latin American, in the past twelve years, volunteer teachers of Alfalit have taught approximately 1/3 million people to read. Additional thousands were encouraged to continue primary studies and move on to be more effective Christian witnesses and members of their communities.

In Kenya, Intermedia's regional literacy consultant worked with the National Christian Council to produce instructional materials in nine major languages of the country, concentrating on improved agricultural skills, health, nutrition, and family life.

Literacy, evangelism, and development-through Intermedia, and by your gifts to Our Christian World Mission -- you support all three.

FROM CHURCH NEWSLETTERS:

Some suggestions for prayer from the Rev. Bob Thoma of BETHEL CHURCH, BEAVERTON:

1. Look at prayer not as a duty to be fulfilled, but as a privilege that can be fulfilling.
2. Don't get hung up on how prayer works, but let it work for you.
3. Don't be concerned about the eloquence or lack of eloquence in your prayers.
4. Let prayer begin after the manner of the Lord's Prayer; that is, with the focal point and beginning not on how one feels nor what one is fretting about, but rather on Him whom we seek in prayer.... This has a way of putting things in a proper light and perspective.

From Rich Osburn at FOREST GROVE:

"Danger! Keep Out! What a sign to appear on the door of a church. Because of the demolition process which had already begun on the building, the signs were appropriate. But they seemed strange.

Are there other times when the sign "Danger! Keep Out!" should be put up in front of the church doors.... To the founder of the Church the cross was the end of the road. To his earlier followers, martyrdom was the result.

The Christian Faith does not ask us to be paranoid or to be so offensive that everyone persecutes us. But it does suggest that the followers of Jesus would be willing to risk themselves.... not allow manipulation, racial injustice, sexual discrimination, or economic injustice to flourish. It asks the followers of Jesus "Count the cost, and accept the cost and joy of discipleship...."

1977 SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

A list of 1977 Opportunities is in the Conference Office. Call or write if you would like a copy.

NOMINATED AS UCC PRESIDENT

The Rev. Avery D. Post, Boston, minister and executive head of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ was nominated today for election as President of the UCC to be elected at the General Synod meeting in Washington, D.C. July 1-5, 1977.

In accepting the nomination, Mr. Post said, "There is a spirit in the church that intends to be evangelically faithful. Thank God, I find that people in our fellowship truly believe that the Gospel requires us to remain, without flinching, on the front lines where the struggle continues for justice, peace, human dignity and moral integrity in public and private realms."

Mr. Post formerly was pastor of UCC congregations in Scarsdale, Garden City and Norwich, all in New York, in Clinton and Milford, Conn. and in Columbus, Ohio. He is a director of Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Born July 29, 1924, Mr. Post graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and Yale University Divinity School.

-Office of Communication, UCC

WORK CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Want an exciting and meaningful project for your youth group or any other group in your church? The Teton Disaster Task Force and the Big Thompson River Disaster Task Force could still use help.

Youth groups must have an adult advisor. Commitments must be for a minimum of one full week. If special skills such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical are available, those would be pluses. Most important would be a willingness to work hard. You go at your own expense. You will work out housing arrangements with the local committees. They need to build homes, fences, clear land, etc.

Your reward ---- the knowledge that you have made precious contributions to the victims of disaster. Write or call:

Mr. Marv Eld, Teton Interfaith Disaster Task Force, P.O. Box 1136, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401 telephone 208-524-3660.

- Or -

Mr. Bob Schilling, Big Thompson River Disaster Task Force, P.O. Box 706, Loveland, Colo. 80537 - telephone 303-669-4205.

LEGISLATIVE CONCERN: OFFICE FOR CHILDREN

The current session of the Oregon State Legislature has before it Senate Bill 958 which is an outgrowth of a Report by the Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Development. The Task Force was established in 1974 by former Governor Tom McCall to address two questions: Is there a need for a structure to bring coherent planning to Oregon's various policies and programs on child development? If so, what should this structure be?

Governor Straub extended the life of the Task Force requesting their report by the end of 1976. With the completion of the study and the recommendations of the Task Force before them, the Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children requested Senator Keith Burbidge, Salem, to sponsor legislation to establish an Office for Children which would be charged to provide overview and assistance for programs relating to children through a Board of Directors and District and Local Councils for Children. SB 958 calls for an appropriation of \$580,965 from the General Fund for biennial expenses.

Let me urge groups within our churches in Oregon to get a copy of the Task Force Report and study it along with a copy of Senate Bill 958. The Report is available by writing Ron Marshall, Project Director, Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Development, 325 13th Street N.E., Salem, 97310. Your Senator or Representative can get you a copy of the Bill.

After you have studied the issue - one which should be of great concern to the Church which has demonstrated a history of concern for the well-being of children - please communicate your concern to your legislative delegation, to the Governor, to the Senate Education Committee and Ways and Means Committee. Some groups are advocating immediate passage of SB 958. Others are recommending the formation of an Interim Committee to study the Task Force further and be prepared to make further recommendations to the next legislative session. What would your recommendation be?

Eugene Ross

OUR HERITAGE

The Heritage Series, eight monographs which depict the significant historical accents and the individual and corporate experiences of early church members and leaders who helped build the rich heritage of the UCC. Each monograph is from 16 to 20 pages and is designed and written especially for church members. The titles include:

European Roots of the UCC - Lowell Zuck
Puritanism and the Public Realm - John F. Wilson

German Reformed Experience in Colonial America - William T. Parsons

Samuel Hopkins: Religion, Slavery and the Revolution - Davis S. Lovejoy

Women of Faith and Our History - Barbara A. Withers

From Consciousness to Conscience: Blacks and the UCC - Lawrence Neale Jones

Two Spirits Meet (An American Indian Experience) - Stuart Lang

Congregational Dissent Against the War of 1812 - L. Earl Thompson, Jr.

Order from United Church Press, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.

BOOKS

Douglas Schneider, a missionary of our United Church Board for World Ministries in India from 1961 to 1970 has written of his experiences. You may be interested in his analysis of the growing maturity of the church in India and of the quiet way that faith and love have been at work for over a century there. "The roots of hope," says Schneider, "run deep that India can solve her problems". DEEP THE ROOTS OF HOPE is one individual's analysis of the situation in India.

You may purchase Deep the Roots of Hope from the publisher, Creative Design Books, 1697 West Sherman Blvd., Muskegon, Mich. 49441. The price is \$5.95 plus \$1.05 for postage and handling.

Cy Eberhart, one of our ministers and chaplains at Salem Hospital, will have a book coming out in May. The title is BURNT OFFERINGS and is a collection of writings of the hospital publication. It will be published by Abingden, Paper \$3.95.

NEW MEDIA/RESOURCE CENTER AVAILABLE TO CPC CHURCHES

Beginning in April, the Interchurch Center, Portland, will house an ecumenical Media/Resource Center for use by church educators, pastors and other program leaders & resource people. In addition to containing all of the materials of the former Interchurch Audio-Visual Library, the M/R Center will house simulation games, denominational church school curriculum, leadership development materials, outdoor ministry materials, inter-generational and family education materials, vacation church school materials, materials on new forms of church education and the Christian Education: Shared Approaches curriculum.

Former members of the Audio-Visual Library will recognize that the yearly membership subscription rate has increased in cost to cover the expenses of the expanded services. Churches will be receiving a new descriptive brochure and membership application.

Mrs. Doris Sherry, Corvallis, represents the Central Pacific Conference on the management board for the Center.



Tom Graf, member of the Hillsboro United Church of Christ, looks over the eight foot redwood symbol he constructed for the church. Plans for this striking and beautiful identifying sign, which cost less than \$25 in materials, are available from the church. Write to: Hillsboro UCC, 494 E. Main Street, Hillsboro, Oregon 97123.

The Local Scene

Pulpit exchange between the Rev. Edsel Goldson of St. Andrew's Church and the Rev. Farley Maxwell of Waverly Heights Church coming on April 24th. A good idea!

Rivercrest Church laymen along with their pastor, the Rev. Robert C. Klein, put in a day's work at Zion Church, Gresham, to help that hardy group work on that building. Wouldn't it be great if there could be a massive turnout to help complete the building before Pastor Bill Tempest's retirement. Why don't you call President Bob Grim and offer your help!

A unique Confirmation Education Program -- Boise, Wright; Boise, First; Nampa, First; and Mountain Home, First, have cooperated in a five overnight Retreat Confirmation Program. The young people have found it a great learning, inspiring and fun experience. The pastors share leadership and are enthusiastic about what the format does.

Congratulations to Forest Grove UCC on a successful Capital Funds Campaign which raised in pledges \$250,000. A meaningful "final service" was held in the old building built in 1919 on March 13. The building is now being torn down to make way for the new facilities. In the interim, the congregation is worshipping in Washburn Hall at Pacific University.

Coming at First Church, Portland, Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" April 22 and 29 at 8:00 p.m., and April 24 and May 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A dinner to raise funds for the Harvey Goodling Library at Second United Church of Christ, 2941 N.E. Ainsworth, Portland, April 22, 1977 -- 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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